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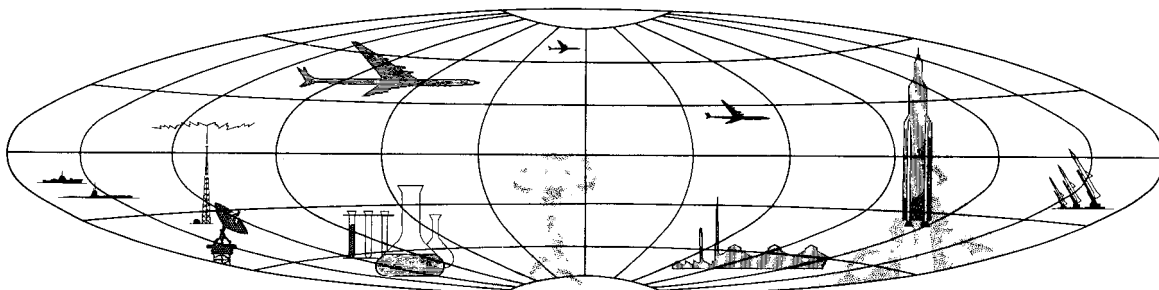
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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ARMY BARRACKS

(37-55N 058-17E)

ASHKHABAD, TURKMENSKAYA SSR, USSR

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF ARMY BARRACKS.

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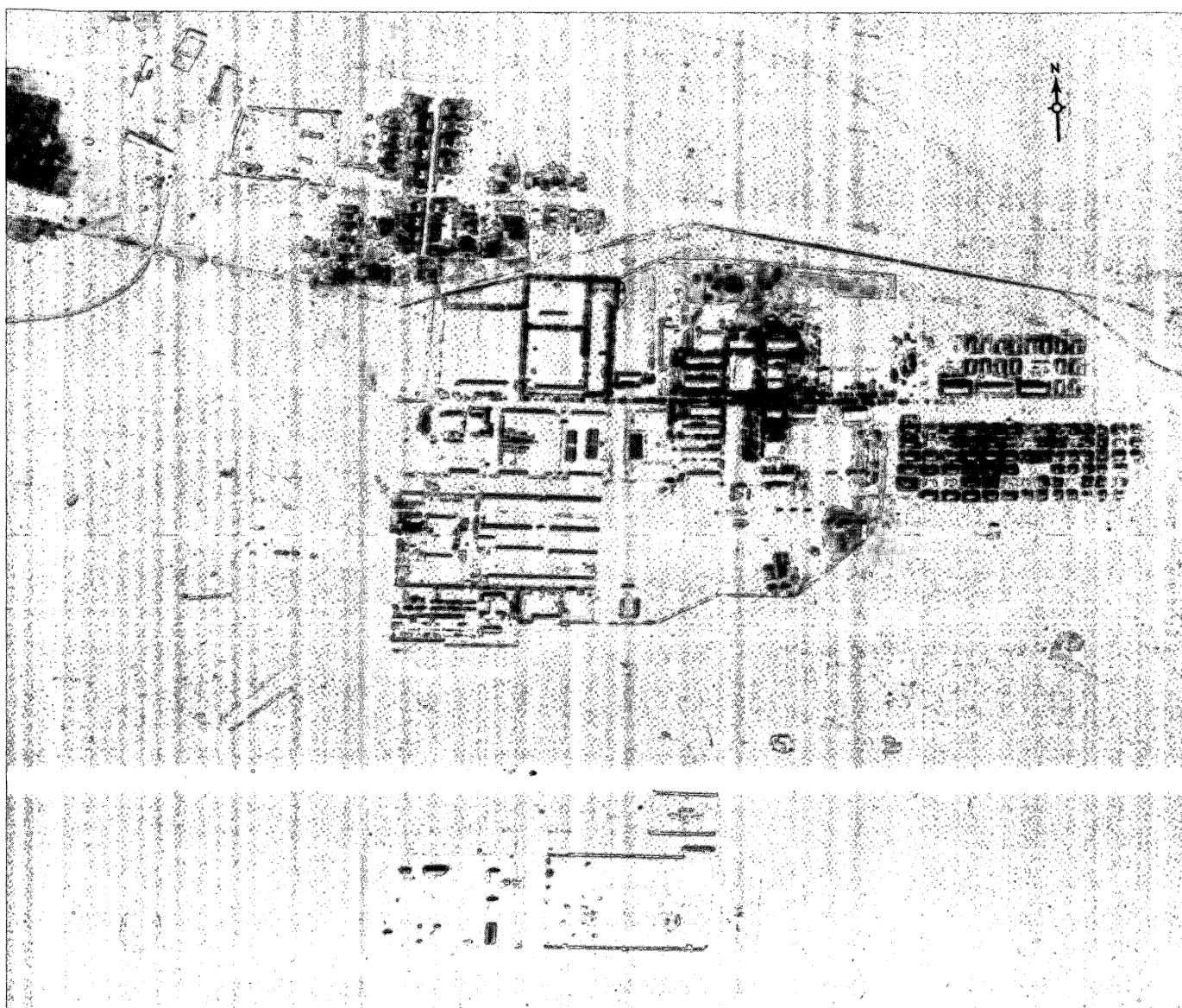


FIGURE 2. ARMY BARRACKS, ASHKHABAD, USSR

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SUMMARY

An army barracks is located approximately 12 kilometers (km) west-southwest of Ashkhabad (Figure 1). This site is within 25 km of the Iranian border.

The barracks installation covers approximately 200 acres (not including training areas) and contains 100 probable barracks/dependents housing units, 11 administration buildings, 49 storage/support buildings, 34 probable vehicle storage sheds, 6 ammunition storage buildings, and 19 SAM support buildings (Figures 2 and 3).

A SAM training facility immediately south of the barracks contains 3 probable SA-2 training sites. A large probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course is immediately north-northeast of the barracks. A tank/assault-gun range with 10 firing lanes is 4.5 km southwest of the barracks, and a second range with 10 firing lanes is approximately 19 km north. The maximum length of both ranges

is approximately 1,250 meters. A small-arms firing range is on the western edge of the barracks installation. Photography [REDACTED] shows a total of 35 probable SA-2 missile transporters in the area, probably for use at the SAM training facility.

Extensive vehicle storage facilities within the barracks installation indicate that a probable motorized rifle division is billeted here. The May 1964 edition of the Bombing Encyclopedia lists an unidentified rifle corps [REDACTED] in the Ashkhabad area.

This barracks installation is covered on [REDACTED] missions [REDACTED]. Changes during this period include the addition of the SAM training facility and a slight enlargement of the vehicle storage facilities and barracks areas. Comparative photographic analysis indicates that activity has remained relatively constant.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The nearest rail service is at Ashkhabad.

Road Service

A good all-weather road serves the installation from Ashkhabad.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The Ashkhabad Northwest Airfield is approximately 12 km northeast.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 12 probable barracks, 2 administration buildings, and 10 storage/support buildings. A swimming pool is near

the western edge of the area.

Area D2 contains 6 probable barracks, 4 administration buildings, and 14 storage/support buildings. An athletic field is near the eastern edge of this area.

Area D3 contains 64 barracks/dependents housing units.

Area D4 contains 18 probable barracks, 5 administration buildings, and 4 support buildings.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains 6 ammunition storage buildings, each 85 by 30 feet. These are secured by a fence and may be partially revetted (see also Area S).

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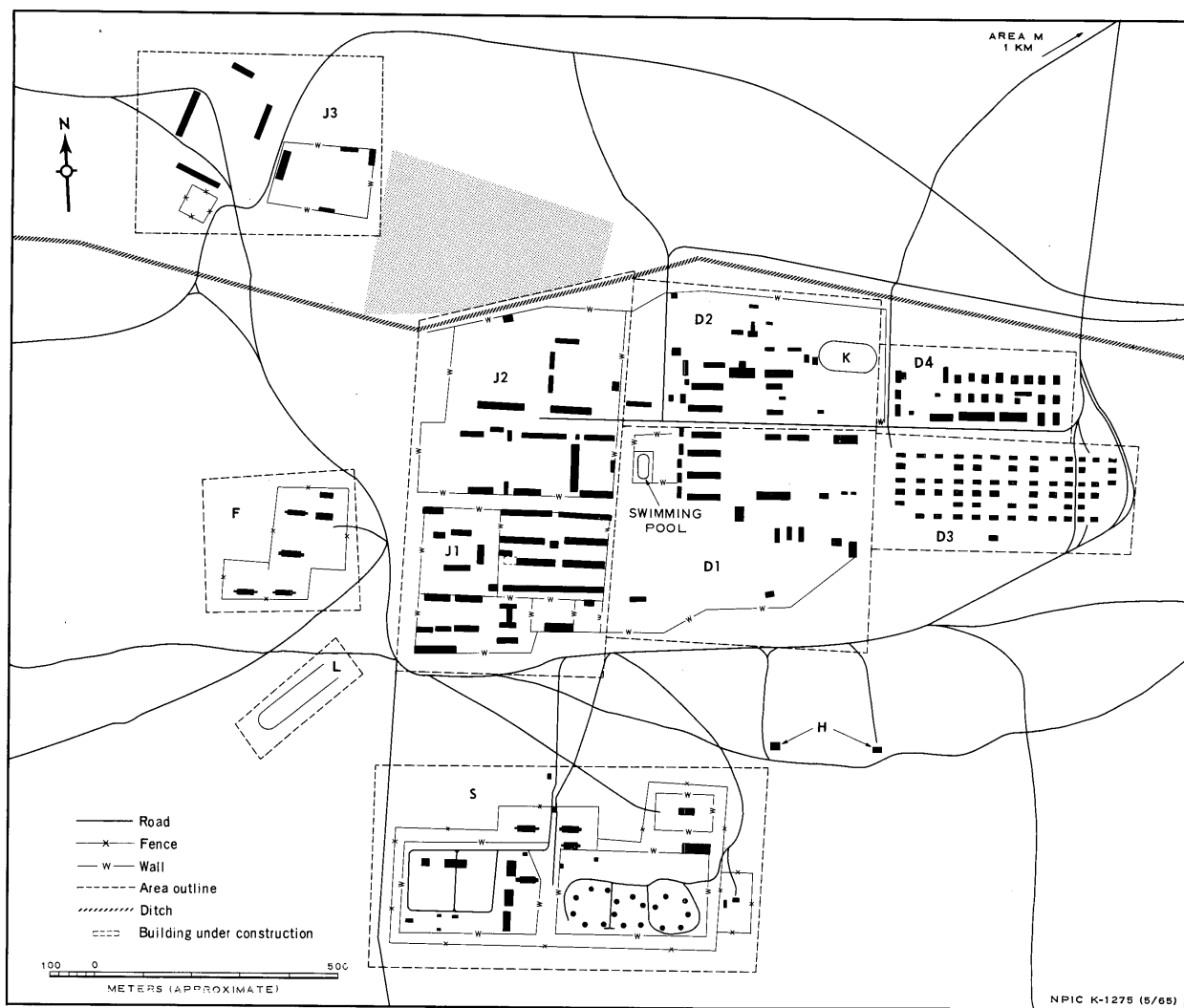


FIGURE 3. ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled

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Other Buildings

Two support buildings (H) and numerous small sheds for security and maintenance are scattered throughout the installation (not shown on Figures 2 and 3).

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains 11 storage/maintenance buildings and 14 vehicle sheds (one 675 by 30 feet, one 425 by 30 feet, four 275 by 30 feet, two 300 by 30 feet, two 200 by 30 feet, and four 100 by 30 feet). This area is secured and appears to be very active.

Area J2 contains 12 vehicle sheds (four 325 by 30 feet, two 275 by 30 feet, and six 200 by 30 feet), and 7 storage/maintenance buildings. This area is secured. Approximately 25 probable SA-2 missile transporters were parked in this area on [redacted] photography.

Area J3 contains 8 probable vehicle sheds (three 325 by 30 feet, four 75 by 30 feet, and one 150 by 30 feet) and a small unidentified secured area. Four of the probable vehicle sheds are secured. This area is on the northwest edge of the barracks installation. It may provide support for the surrounding agricultural area and not be associated with the military installation.

Athletic Field

An athletic field, approximately 200 meters long, is located in Area D2.

Small-Arms Firing Range

Area L contains a small-arms firing range, 650 by 140 feet. Three sides of this range are revetted.

Driver-Training Area

Area M contains a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course which covers approximately 350 acres.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

A tank/assault-gun firing range is approximately 4.5 km southwest of the barracks (not shown on Figures 2 and 3). This range has a maximum length of 4,100 feet and contains five 1,640-foot firing lanes, five 980-foot firing lanes, 7 moving-target runs, and 14 range control/support buildings.

A second tank/assault-gun firing range (not shown on Figures 2 and 3) is approximately 19 km north of the barracks. This range has a maximum length of 4,100 feet and contains seven 2,600-foot firing lanes, 3 other firing lanes, and 9 moving-target runs. A natural-surface road provides access to this range from the barracks installation.

Both of these ranges appear to be very active.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

A flat-trajectory firing range associated with Ashkhabad Army Barracks No 2 is located 15 km east of this barracks installation.

Special Training Facilities

A SAM training facility (Area S) is immediately south of the barracks and contains 3 SA-2 training sites, a support area with 11 buildings, a secured area with 2 underground entrances, a secured area with a partially buried probable explosives storage building, 3 quonset-type buildings, and 2 small support buildings. The entire area is double fenced. Approximately 10 probable missile transporters are visible on photography [redacted]

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